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21 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
22 Plaintiff, ) Civil No.  
23 v. )  
24 ) CONSENT DECREE  
25 AEROJET-GENERAL )  
26 CORPORATION and GENCORP, )  
27 INC., )  
28 Defendants. )  
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## **I. BACKGROUND**

A. Pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. § 9605, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) placed the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites Areas 1-4 in Los Angeles County, California, including the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (Area 2) (the “BPOU Area”), on the National Priorities List, set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 300, Appendix B, by publication in the Federal Register on May 8, 1984, 49 Fed. Reg. 19,480.

B. On March 31, 1994, EPA executed a Record of Decision (“ROD”) setting forth EPA’s decision on the interim remedial action to be implemented at the BPOU Area. In May 1999, EPA issued an Explanation of Significant Differences (“ESD”) relating to the ROD.

C. On February 28, 2002, EPA issued an amended Unilateral Administrative Order (“UAO”) for Remedial Design and Remedial Action (“RD/RA”) at the BPOU Area to Aerojet-General Corporation (“Aerojet”) and GenCorp, Inc. (“Settling Defendants”) as well as other Potentially Responsible Parties. A copy of the UAO and the Statement of Work attached to and included as part of the UAO is attached to this Consent Decree, for reference only, as Appendix A.

D. On March 29, 2002, Aerojet, together with Azusa Land Reclamation Co., Inc., Fairchild Holding Corp., Hartwell Corporation, Huffy Corporation, Oil & Solvent Process Company, Reichhold, Inc., and Wynn Oil Company, now known as Winco Enterprises Inc. (collectively known as the “Cooperating Respondents”), entered into the BPOU Project Agreement with local Water Entities, certain of which had sued the Cooperating Respondents and other PRPs pursuant to CERCLA Section 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), and other provisions of law. The BPOU Project Agreement provides for the implementation of the BPOU Area interim remedy as a joint cleanup and water supply project. The BPOU Project

1 Agreement makes the Cooperating Respondents responsible for funding the design,  
2 construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and management of the  
3 groundwater extraction, treatment, distribution, and monitoring facilities (defined  
4 in the BPOU Project Agreement as “Subprojects”) to the extent needed as part of  
5 the joint cleanup and water supply project, and the Water Entities responsible for  
6 the design, construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and management of  
7 the Subprojects. EPA has approved four of the BPOU Subprojects as satisfying  
8 the Cooperating Respondents’ obligations under the UAO.

9 E. In performing response actions at the BPOU Area, the United States has  
10 incurred and will continue to incur response costs at or in connection with the  
11 BPOU Area.

12 F. The United States, on behalf of the Administrator of EPA, filed a  
13 complaint in this matter pursuant to Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607,  
14 seeking reimbursement of response costs incurred or to be incurred for response  
15 actions taken at or in connection with the release or threatened release of hazardous  
16 substances at the BPOU Area, together with accrued interest.

17 G. Settling Defendants do not admit any liability to Plaintiff arising out of  
18 the transactions or occurrences alleged in the complaint, nor do they acknowledge  
19 that the release or threatened release of hazardous substance(s) at or from the  
20 BPOU Area constitutes an imminent or substantial endangerment to the public  
21 health or welfare or the environment. Except as otherwise provided in the Federal  
22 Rules of Evidence, Settling Defendants’ participation in this settlement process and  
23 entry into this Consent Decree shall not be considered as an admission of liability  
24 for any purpose.

25 H. The purpose of this Consent Decree is to provide for Settling  
26 Defendants’ payment of a share of Past Response Costs, and for their continued  
27 compensation of the United States for Oversight Costs. Except as otherwise settled  
28 by this Consent Decree, this Decree does not address issues with respect to Settling

1 Defendants' obligations or continuing performance under the UAO. The United  
2 States and Settling Defendants desire to resolve Settling Defendants' alleged civil  
3 liability for Past Response Costs and Oversight Costs, as those terms are defined  
4 herein, without litigation and without admission or adjudication of any issue of fact  
5 or law.

6 I. The United States and Settling Defendants agree, and this Court by  
7 entering this Consent Decree finds, that this Consent Decree has been negotiated  
8 by the Parties in good faith, that settlement of this matter will avoid prolonged and  
9 complicated litigation between the Parties, and that this Consent Decree is fair,  
10 reasonable, and in the public interest.

11 THEREFORE, with the consent of the Parties to this Decree, it is  
12 ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

## 13 **II. JURISDICTION**

14 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant  
15 to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345 and 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613(b) and also has  
16 personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendants. Solely for the purposes of this  
17 Consent Decree and the underlying complaint, Settling Defendants waive all  
18 objections and defenses that they may have to jurisdiction of the Court or to venue  
19 in this District. Settling Defendants shall not challenge the terms of this Consent  
20 Decree or this Court's jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Decree.

## 21 **III. PARTIES BOUND**

22 2. This Consent Decree is binding upon the United States, and upon Settling  
23 Defendants and their successors and assigns. Any change in ownership or  
24 corporate or other legal status, including, but not limited to, any transfer of assets  
25 or real or personal property, shall in no way alter the status or responsibilities of  
26 Settling Defendants under this Consent Decree.

## 27 **IV. DEFINITIONS**

28 3. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, terms used in this Consent

1 Decree that are defined in CERCLA or in regulations promulgated under CERCLA  
2 shall have the meanings assigned to them in CERCLA or in such regulations.

3 Whenever terms listed below are used in this Consent Decree, the following  
4 definitions shall apply:

5 a. "Baldwin Park 09M5 Special Account" shall mean one of the  
6 special accounts established for the BPOU Area by EPA pursuant to Section  
7 122(b)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(b)(3).

8 b. "BPOU Area" shall mean the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (Area 2)  
9 of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Areas 1-4, in and near the cities of  
10 Azusa, Irwindale, and Baldwin Park, in Los Angeles County, California. The  
11 BPOU Area is depicted generally on the map attached as Appendix B.

12 c. "BPOU Project Agreement" shall mean the agreement dated March  
13 29, 2002, and declared effective as of May 9, 2002, by and between the "Water  
14 Entities" and the "Cooperating Respondents."

15 d. "CERCLA" shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental  
16 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C.  
17 § 9601, *et seq.*

18 e. "Consent Decree" shall mean this Consent Decree only. The  
19 appendices attached hereto are included for reference only and shall not constitute  
20 a part of this Consent Decree.

21 f. "Cooperating Respondents" shall mean Aerojet-General  
22 Corporation; Azusa Land Reclamation Co., Inc.; Fairchild Holding Corp.; Hartwell  
23 Corporation; Huffy Corporation; Oil & Solvent Process Company; Reichhold, Inc.;  
24 and Wynn Oil Company, now known as Winco Enterprises Inc..

25 g. "Day" shall mean a calendar day. In computing any period of time  
26 under this Consent Decree, where the last day would fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or  
27 federal or California State holiday, the period shall run until the close of business  
28 of the next working day.

1 h. "Defined BPOU Project Work" shall mean various BPOU  
2 planning, reporting, design, construction, operation and maintenance, monitoring,  
3 and evaluation activities completed before May 8, 2017, to implement planning or  
4 design documents approved by EPA before May 31, 2005. Defined BPOU Project  
5 Work shall include:

6 (1) Design and construction of the following four Subprojects:

7 (i) the La Puente Valley County Water District, San Gabriel  
8 Valley Water Company B-6, and Valley County Water District  
9 Subprojects as documented in Remedial Action Reports  
10 completed for the three Subprojects. The three Remedial  
11 Action Reports are dated September 2003, September 2004, and  
12 March 2005, and were approved by EPA on September 30,  
13 2003, September 30, 2004, and March 31, 2005, respectively;  
14 and

15 (ii) the San Gabriel Valley Water Company B-5 ("B-5")  
16 Subproject. EPA approved the design for the B-5 Subproject in  
17 a letter dated September 29, 2004. Construction is expected to  
18 continue into 2006;

19 (2) Operation and maintenance activities related to the four  
20 Subprojects in subparagraph (1) until May 8, 2017;

21 (3) Preparation of, and activities implemented to comply with, the  
22 January 30, 2004 Revised Final Performance Standards Evaluation  
23 Plan submitted in accordance with the EPA approval letter dated  
24 December 10, 2003.

25 i. "DOJ" shall mean the United States Department of Justice and any  
26 of its successor departments, agencies, or instrumentalities.

27 j. "Effective Date" shall be the effective date of this Consent Decree  
28 as provided in Paragraph 33.



1 k. "EPA" shall mean the United States Environmental Protection  
2 Agency and any of its successor departments, agencies or instrumentalities.

3 l. "EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund" shall mean the Hazardous  
4 Substance Superfund established by the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 9507.

5 m. "Explanation of Significant Differences" or "ESD" shall mean the  
6 Explanation of Significant Differences relating to the BPOU Area issued by EPA  
7 in May 1999. The ESD is attached as Appendix D.

8 n. "Interest" shall mean interest at the rate specified for interest on  
9 investments of the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund established by 26 U.S.C.  
10 § 9507, compounded annually on October 1 of each year, in accordance with 42  
11 U.S.C. § 9607(a). The applicable rate of interest shall be the rate in effect at the  
12 time the interest accrues. The rate of interest is subject to change on October 1 of  
13 each year.

14 o. "National Contingency Plan" or "NCP" shall mean the National  
15 Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan promulgated pursuant  
16 to Section 105 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9605, codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 300, and  
17 any amendments thereto.

18 p. "Oversight Costs" shall mean all costs, including, but not limited  
19 to, direct and indirect costs, that are not inconsistent with the NCP and that are  
20 incurred by the United States at or in connection with the BPOU Area on or after  
21 July 1, 2004, until and including May 8, 2017 (the remaining term of the BPOU  
22 Project Agreement) in: reviewing, verifying or developing the plans, reports, and  
23 other documents submitted or conducted pursuant to the UAO, this Consent  
24 Decree, or the BPOU Project Agreement; reviewing or verifying the Work  
25 conducted pursuant to the UAO or the BPOU Project Agreement; conducting  
26 response activities pursuant to Section XIV (EPA Review of Submissions) of the  
27 UAO, except for Paragraph 87(d) of the amended UAO issued on February 28,  
28 2002, as it relates to EPA's performance of all or part of the response action;

1 performing periodic remedial action reviews under Section XI (EPA Periodic  
2 Review) of the UAO or Section 121 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621; or  
3 implementing, overseeing, or enforcing this Consent Decree against Settling  
4 Defendants, including, but not limited to, payroll costs, contractor costs, travel  
5 costs, laboratory costs, costs of attorney time, costs of obtaining access to the  
6 BPOU Area, and Interest on all such costs accrued from the date payment of a  
7 specific amount is due under this Consent Decree.

8 q. "Paragraph" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified  
9 by an Arabic numeral or an upper or lower case letter.

10 r. "Parties" shall mean the United States and Settling Defendants.

11 s. "Past Response Costs" shall mean all costs, including, but not  
12 limited to, direct and indirect costs, that EPA or DOJ on behalf of EPA has paid or  
13 incurred at or in connection with the BPOU Area through June 30, 2004, including  
14 all basin-wide costs to the extent that such costs are allocated to the BPOU, plus  
15 accrued Interest on all such costs through such date.

16 t. "Plaintiff" shall mean the United States.

17 u. "ROD" shall mean the EPA Record of Decision and all  
18 attachments thereto relating to the interim remedy for the BPOU Area, which was  
19 signed by the delegate of the Regional Administrator, EPA Region 9 on March 31,  
20 1994. The ROD is attached as Appendix C.

21 v. "Section" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by  
22 a Roman numeral.

23 w. "Settling Defendants" shall mean Aerojet-General Corporation  
24 and GenCorp, Inc, and their successors. For purposes of Paragraphs 16, 17, 18,  
25 and 21, Settling Defendants shall also mean:

26 (i) the predecessors of such entities;

27 (ii) the subsidiaries of such entities; and

28 (iii) any shareholder, officer, director, or employee, acting in their

capacities as such, of Aerojet, GenCorp or their predecessors or subsidiaries;  
but only to the extent that any such person or entity within categories (i), (ii) or (iii) above has no independent liability for the BPOU Area other than the liability derived from that person's or entity's relationship to, or affiliation with, Aerojet or GenCorp, as specified.

x. "Site" shall mean the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Areas 1-4, in Los Angeles County, California.

y. "Site 0927 San Gabriel Valley/Baldwin Park Special Account" shall mean one of the special accounts established for the BPOU Area by EPA pursuant to Section 122(b)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(b)(3).

z. "Unilateral Administrative Order" or "UAO" shall mean EPA's June 30, 2000 Unilateral Administrative Order No. 2000-13 (as amended on February 28, 2002), including the Statement of Work attached thereto, issued under Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606, and Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973, relating to the BPOU Area. The UAO is attached as Appendix A.

aa. "United States" shall mean the United States of America, including its departments, agencies and instrumentalities.

bb. "Water Entities" shall mean the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, La Puente Valley County Water District, San Gabriel Valley Water Company, Suburban Water Systems, California Domestic Water Company, and Valley County Water District, and, only as to La Puente Valley County Water District, San Gabriel Valley Water Company, Suburban Water Systems, California Domestic Water Company, and Valley County Water District, their respective successors.

cc. "Work" shall mean all activities required to be performed to implement the ROD, as supplemented by the ESD, at or in connection with the BPOU Area.

## **V. PAYMENT OF RESPONSE COSTS**

4. Payment of Past Response Costs to EPA. Settling Defendants shall pay the following amounts to EPA in payment for Past Response Costs: (i) within 30 days after the Effective Date, \$811,694; and (ii) within 395 days after the Effective Date, \$811,694, plus Interest calculated from the Effective Date. The payment shall be made to Site Spill Number 0927 in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph 5.

5. Payment of Past Response Costs shall be made by FedWire Electronic Funds Transfer (“EFT”) to the U.S. Department of Justice account in accordance with EFT instructions to be provided to Settling Defendants by the Financial Litigation Unit of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the Central District of California following lodging of the Consent Decree.

6. At the time of payment, Settling Defendants also shall send notice that payment has been made to EPA and DOJ in accordance with Section XIV (Notices and Submissions). Such notice shall reference EPA Region 9, Site Spill Number 0927, DOJ case number 90-11-2-354/18, and the civil action number.

7. The total amount to be paid pursuant to Paragraph 4 shall be deposited in the Site 0927 San Gabriel Valley/Baldwin Park Special Account within the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund to be retained and used to conduct or finance response actions at or in connection with the BPOU Area, or to be transferred by EPA to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund.

8. Payment of Oversight Costs to EPA. Settling Defendants shall reimburse the United States for a total of 68 percent of all Oversight Costs. Periodically, the United States will send Settling Defendants a bill requiring payment that includes an accounting of Oversight Costs. This accounting will include a standard Regionally-prepared cost summary, which includes direct and indirect costs incurred by EPA and its contractors, and a DOJ cost summary that reflects costs incurred by DOJ and its contractors, if any. Settling Defendants shall make all

1 payments within 60 days of Settling Defendants' receipt of each bill requiring  
2 payment, except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 10. EPA may, in its sole  
3 discretion, extend the time period for payment. Settling Defendants shall make all  
4 payments required by this Paragraph in the form of a certified or cashier's check or  
5 checks made payable to "EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund" or an EFT to the  
6 EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund account in accordance with EFT instructions  
7 to be provided to Settling Defendants by EPA. The payments shall reference the  
8 name and address of the party making payment, EPA Region 9 and Site Spill  
9 Number 09M5, DOJ case number 90-11-2-354/18, and the civil action number.

10 Settling Defendants shall forward the certified or cashier's check(s) to:

11 EPA - Cincinnati Accounting Operations  
12 Attn: Region 9 Receivables  
13 P.O. Box 371099M  
Pittsburgh, PA 15251

14 and shall send copies of the check(s) or notice of the EFT payment to DOJ, EPA,  
15 and the Regional Financial Management Officer, in accordance with Section XIV  
16 (Notices and Submissions). The total amount to be paid pursuant to Paragraph 8  
17 shall be deposited in the Baldwin Park 09M5 Special Account within the EPA  
18 Hazardous Substance Superfund to be retained and used to conduct or finance  
19 response actions at or in connection with the BPOU Area, or to be transferred by  
20 EPA to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund.

21 9. Except as otherwise settled by this Consent Decree, the Parties agree that  
22 this Consent Decree does not address Settling Defendants' obligations or continued  
23 performance under the UAO.

24 10. Dispute Resolution for Oversight Costs.

25 a. Standard. Settling Defendants may contest payment of any  
26 Oversight Costs billed by the United States if they determine that the United States  
27 has made an accounting error or has included costs outside the scope of this  
28 Consent Decree, or if they allege that a cost item that is included represents costs

1 that are inconsistent with the NCP.

2           b. Procedures. The dispute resolution procedures set forth in  
3 Paragraph 10 shall be the exclusive mechanism for resolving disputes regarding the  
4 Settling Defendants' obligation to reimburse the United States for its Oversight  
5 Costs.

6           c. Dispute Resolution. The dispute resolution mechanism described  
7 in Paragraph 10 is only available if Settling Defendants comply with the following  
8 conditions:

9           (1) Notice. Any objection to the payment of Oversight Costs shall be  
10 made in writing within 60 days of receipt of the bill and accompanying accounting  
11 of costs and must be sent to the United States in accordance with Section XIV  
12 (Notices and Submissions). EPA may, in its sole discretion, extend the time period  
13 for payment. Any such objection (hereinafter referred to as the "Notice of  
14 Objection") shall specifically identify the contested Oversight Costs and the basis  
15 for objection.

16           (2) Payment of Undisputed Amounts. In the event of an objection to  
17 some but not all Oversight Costs, Settling Defendants shall, within the 60-day  
18 period, pay all uncontested Oversight Costs to the United States in the manner  
19 described in Paragraph 8.

20           (3) Escrow for Disputed Amounts. Within 60 days of receipt of a bill  
21 for Oversight Costs that are disputed, Settling Defendants shall establish an  
22 interest-bearing escrow account in a federally-insured bank and remit to that  
23 escrow account funds equivalent to the amount of the contested Oversight Costs.  
24 Settling Defendants shall send to the United States, as provided in Section XIV  
25 (Notices and Submissions), a copy of the correspondence that establishes and  
26 funds the escrow account, including, but not limited to, information containing the  
27 identity of the bank and bank account under which the escrow account is  
28 established as well as a bank statement showing the initial balance of the escrow

1 account.

2 d. Informal Dispute Resolution. Any dispute with respect to  
3 Oversight Costs shall in the first instance be the subject of informal negotiations  
4 between the United States and Settling Defendants.

5 e. Formal Dispute Resolution.

6 (1) Initiation. If the dispute is not resolved by informal dispute  
7 resolution, either party may commence formal dispute resolution by sending a  
8 Notice of Formal Dispute Resolution to the other party to the dispute. The Notice  
9 of Formal Dispute Resolution shall be accompanied by a written Statement of  
10 Position by the party who serves the Notice, stating the basis of that party's  
11 position and citing all factual data, analysis, opinion or other information on which  
12 that party relies to support its position. The opposing party shall have 30 days in  
13 which to serve a Response setting forth the same information supporting its  
14 position.

15 (2) Administrative Record and Decision. EPA shall maintain an  
16 administrative record of any dispute as to Oversight Costs for which formal dispute  
17 resolution has been initiated. The administrative record shall include the disputed  
18 bill and all cost documentation sent by EPA to the Settling Defendants, the Notice  
19 of Objection served by Settling Defendants, the Notice of Formal Dispute  
20 Resolution and accompanying Statement of Position, the opposing party's  
21 Response, and any other documents or information sent to EPA by Settling  
22 Defendants for inclusion in the record or relied on by EPA in reaching an  
23 administrative resolution of the dispute. The Director of the Superfund Division,  
24 EPA Region IX, will issue a final administrative decision determining whether the  
25 disputed Oversight Costs, or any part of them, shall be disallowed as inconsistent  
26 with the NCP, as the result of an accounting error, or as costs outside the scope of  
27 this Consent Decree.

28 (3) Judicial Appeal. Settling Defendants may appeal EPA's

1 administrative decision made pursuant to the preceding subparagraph to this Court  
2 within 30 days of their receipt of EPA's decision. The Court's review of EPA's  
3 decision shall be limited to EPA's administrative record except to the extent that  
4 Settling Defendants establish that supplemental materials may be considered by the  
5 Court under CERCLA and applicable principles of administrative law. Judicial  
6 review of any dispute under this subparagraph shall be governed by CERCLA and  
7 applicable principles of administrative law.

8 f. Payment Following Dispute Resolution. Payments determined to  
9 be owing to the United States following dispute resolution shall be paid from the  
10 escrow account (including accrued Interest on the amounts owed) to the United  
11 States in the manner described in Paragraph 8, within 10 days after receipt of the  
12 Court's decision or, if EPA's final administrative decision is not timely appealed,  
13 within 40 days after EPA's decision. To the extent that any amounts are  
14 determined not to be owed, Settling Defendants shall be disbursed the remainder of  
15 the escrow account.

## 16 **VI. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONSENT DECREE**

17 11. Interest on Late Payments. If Settling Defendants fail to make any  
18 payment under Paragraph 4 (Payment of Past Response Costs to EPA) or  
19 Paragraph 8 (Payment of Oversight Costs to EPA), Interest shall accrue on the  
20 unpaid balance from the due date through the date of payment.

### 21 12. Stipulated Penalty.

22 a. If any amounts due under Paragraph 4 are not paid by the required  
23 date, Settling Defendants shall be in violation of this Consent Decree and shall pay  
24 to EPA, as a stipulated penalty, in addition to the Interest required by Paragraph  
25 11, \$1,000 per day that such payment is late.

26 b. If any amounts due under Paragraph 8 are not either paid by the  
27 required date or paid into escrow in accordance with Paragraph 10(c)(3), Settling  
28 Defendants shall pay to EPA, in addition to the Interest required in Paragraph 11,



the following stipulated penalties, which shall accrue per violation per day:

<u>Penalty Per Violation Per Day</u>	<u>Period of Noncompliance</u>
\$500	1 <sup>st</sup> through 30 <sup>th</sup> day
\$1,000	31 <sup>st</sup> day and beyond

c. Stipulated penalties are due and payable within 30 days after the date of the demand by EPA for payment of the penalties. All payments to EPA under this Paragraph shall be identified as “stipulated penalties” and shall be made by certified or cashier’s check made payable to “EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund.” The check, or a letter accompanying the check, shall reference the name and address of the party making payment, the Site name, EPA Region 9 and Site Spill Number 09M5, DOJ Case Number 90-11-2-354/18, and the civil action number, and shall be sent to:

EPA - Cincinnati Accounting Operations  
Attn: Region 9 Receivables  
P.O. Box 371099M  
Pittsburgh, PA 15251

d. At the time of payment of any stipulated penalties to the United States, Settling Defendants shall send copies of check(s), and any accompanying transmittal letter(s), to DOJ, EPA, and the Regional Financial Management Officer as provided in Section XIV (Notices and Submissions) of this Consent Decree. Such notice shall reference the EPA Region and Site Spill Number 09M5, DOJ Case Number 90-11-2-354/18, and the civil action number.

e. Stipulated penalties shall accrue as provided in this Paragraph regardless of whether EPA has notified Settling Defendants of the violation or made a demand for payment, but need only be paid upon demand. All penalties shall begin to accrue on the day after payment is due and shall continue to accrue through the date of payment. Nothing herein shall prevent the simultaneous accrual of separate penalties for separate

1 violations of this Consent Decree.

2 13. If the United States brings an action to enforce this Consent  
3 Decree, Settling Defendants shall reimburse the United States for all costs of  
4 such action, including, but not limited to, costs of attorney time.

5 14. Payments made under this Section shall be in addition to any other  
6 remedies or sanctions available to Plaintiff by virtue of Settling Defendants'  
7 failure to comply with the requirements of this Consent Decree.

8 15. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the United  
9 States may, in its unreviewable discretion, waive payment of any portion of  
10 the stipulated penalties that have accrued to the United States pursuant to this  
11 Consent Decree. Payment of stipulated penalties shall not excuse Settling  
12 Defendants from payment as required by Section V or from performance of  
13 any other requirements of this Consent Decree.

14 **VII. COVENANTS NOT TO SUE BY PLAINTIFF**

15 16. Covenants Not to Sue. Except as specifically provided in Section  
16 VIII (Reservations of Rights by Plaintiff), the United States covenants not to  
17 sue or to take administrative action against Settling Defendants pursuant to  
18 Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), to recover Past Response  
19 Costs or Oversight Costs as defined in this Consent Decree. These covenants  
20 not to sue or to take administrative action (1) are conditioned upon the  
21 satisfactory performance by Settling Defendants of their obligations under this  
22 Consent Decree, (2) do not extend to any other person, and (3) shall take  
23 effect upon receipt by EPA of all payments required by Paragraph 4 and any  
24 related amount due under Section VI (Failure to Comply with Consent  
25 Decree), Paragraphs 11 and 12, on account of late payment of Past Response  
26 Costs.

27 **VIII. RESERVATIONS OF RIGHTS BY PLAINTIFF**

28 17. The United States reserves, and this Consent Decree is without

1 prejudice to, all rights against Settling Defendants with respect to all matters  
2 not expressly included within the Covenants Not to Sue in Paragraph 16.

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Consent Decree, the United States  
4 reserves all rights against Settling Defendants with respect to:

5 a. liability for failure of Settling Defendants to meet a  
6 requirement of this Consent Decree;

7 b. liability for costs incurred or to be incurred by the United  
8 States that are not within the definitions of Past Response Costs or Oversight  
9 Costs;

10 c. liability for injunctive relief, any administrative action (except  
11 to the extent settled in this Consent Decree), fines, and/or punitive damages  
12 under Sections 106 or 107(c)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607(c)(3);

13 d. liability for any and all response costs incurred by the United  
14 States (that are not within the definitions of Past Response Costs or Oversight  
15 Costs) that are related to Settling Defendants' violation of, or failure or refusal  
16 to comply with, the UAO;

17 e. liability for additional operable units at the Site, or a final  
18 response action, including, but not limited to, the final Record of Decision for  
19 the BPOU Area;

20 f. criminal liability; and

21 g. liability for damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of  
22 natural resources, and for the costs of any natural resource damage  
23 assessments.

24 **IX. COVENANTS NOT TO SUE AND RESERVATION**  
25 **OF RIGHTS BY SETTLING DEFENDANTS**

26 **18. Covenants Not to Sue; Reservation of Rights.**

27 a. Subject to Paragraph 18.d. below, Settling Defendants  
28 covenant not to sue and agree not to assert any claims or causes of action

1 against the United States, or its contractors or employees, with respect to Past  
2 Response Costs, Oversight Costs, or this Consent Decree, including, but not  
3 limited to:

4 i. any direct or indirect claim for reimbursement from the  
5 Hazardous Substance Superfund based on Sections 106(b)(2), 107, 111, 112,  
6 or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606(b)(2), 9607, 9611, 9612, or 9613, or  
7 any other provision of law;

8 ii. any claim for Past Response Costs or Oversight Costs  
9 arising out of the response actions at the Site for which the Past Response  
10 Costs or Oversight Costs were incurred, including any claim under the United  
11 States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of California, the Tucker Act,  
12 28 U.S.C. § 1491, the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, as  
13 amended, or at common law; or

14 iii. any claim against the United States pursuant to  
15 Sections 107 or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607, 9613, relating to Past  
16 Response Costs or Oversight Costs.

17 b. With respect to the Defined BPOU Project Work, Settling  
18 Defendants covenant not to sue and agree not to assert any direct or indirect  
19 claim for reimbursement from the Hazardous Substance Superfund based on  
20 Sections 106(b)(2), 107, 111, 112, or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C.  
21 §§ 9606(b)(2), 9607, 9611, 9612, or 9613, or any other provision of law.

22 c. Except as provided in Paragraph 18.b., Settling Defendants  
23 reserve the right to sue or assert claims or defenses as to Work, including any  
24 Defined BPOU Project Work, and the United States reserves all defenses to  
25 such claims.

26 d. Settling Defendants reserve, and these covenants not to sue  
27 and this Consent Decree are without prejudice to, any claims under federal  
28 law, under or on the basis of any contract with the United States, that Settling

1 Defendants might assert against the United States to recover costs, incurred  
2 under this Consent Decree or otherwise, at or associated with the BPOU Area.  
3 The United States reserves all defenses to any such claims.

4 19. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be deemed to constitute  
5 approval or preauthorization of a claim within the meaning of Section 111 of  
6 CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611, or 40 C.F.R. § 300.700(d).

7 **X. EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT/CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION**

8 20. Except as provided in Paragraph 2 with respect to successors and  
9 assigns and as provided in the definition of Settling Defendants with respect to  
10 Paragraphs 16, 17, 18, and 21, nothing in this Consent Decree shall be  
11 construed to create any rights in, or grant any cause of action to, any person not  
12 a Party to this Consent Decree. The Parties expressly reserve any and all rights  
13 (including, but not limited to, any right to contribution), defenses, claims,  
14 demands, and causes of action that they may have with respect to any matter,  
15 transaction, or occurrence relating in any way to the Site against any person not  
16 a Party hereto.

17 21. The Parties agree, and by entering this Consent Decree this Court  
18 finds, that Settling Defendants are entitled, as of the date of entry of this  
19 Consent Decree, to protection from contribution actions or claims as provided  
20 by Section 113(f)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2), for “matters  
21 addressed” in this Consent Decree. The “matters addressed” in this Consent  
22 Decree are Past Response Costs and Oversight Costs, as defined in this  
23 Consent Decree.

24 22. Each Settling Defendant agrees that, with respect to any suit or  
25 claim for contribution brought by it for matters related to this Consent Decree,  
26 it will notify EPA and DOJ in writing no later than 60 days prior to the  
27 initiation of such suit or claim. Each Settling Defendant also agrees that, with  
28 respect to any suit or claim for contribution brought against it for matters

1 related to this Consent Decree, it will notify EPA and DOJ in writing within 10  
2 days of service of the complaint or claim upon it. In addition, Settling  
3 Defendants shall notify EPA and DOJ within 10 days of service or receipt of  
4 any Motion for Summary Judgment, and within 10 days of receipt of any order  
5 from a court setting a case for trial, for matters related to this Consent Decree.

6 23. In any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding initiated by  
7 the United States for injunctive relief, recovery of response costs, or other  
8 relief relating to the Site, Settling Defendants shall not assert, and may not  
9 maintain, any defense or claim based upon the principles of waiver, *res*  
10 *judicata*, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim-splitting, or other defenses  
11 based upon any contention that the claims raised by the United States in the  
12 subsequent proceeding were or should have been brought in the instant case;  
13 provided, however, that nothing in this Paragraph affects the enforceability of  
14 the Covenants Not to Sue by Plaintiff set forth in Section VII.

## 15 **XI. ACCESS**

16 24. If the Site, or any other property where access is needed to  
17 implement response activities at the Site, is owned or controlled by the Settling  
18 Defendants, Settling Defendants shall, commencing on the date of lodging of  
19 this Consent Decree, provide the United States and its representatives,  
20 including EPA and contractors, with access at all reasonable times to the Site,  
21 or to such other property, for the purpose of conducting any response activity  
22 related to the Site, including, but not limited to, the following activities:

- 23 1. Monitoring, investigation, removal, remedial or other  
24 activities at the Site;
- 25 2. Verifying any data or information submitted to the  
26 United States;
- 27 3. Conducting investigations relating to contamination at or  
28 near the Site;

4. Obtaining samples;
5. Assessing the need for, planning, or implementing response actions at or near the Site;
6. Inspecting and copying records, operating logs, contracts, or other documents maintained or generated by Settling Defendants or their agents, consistent with Section XII (Access to Information); and
7. Assessing Settling Defendants' compliance with this Agreement.

25. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, EPA retains all of its access authorities and rights, as well as all of its rights to require land/water use restrictions, including enforcement authorities related thereto, under CERCLA, RCRA, and any other applicable statutes or regulations.

## **XII. ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

26. Until May 8, 2017, Settling Defendants shall provide to EPA, upon request, copies of all records, reports, or information (hereinafter referred to as "records") within their possession or control or that of their contractors or agents relating to activities at the Site or to the implementation of this Consent Decree, including, but not limited to, sampling, analysis, chain of custody records, manifests, trucking logs, receipts, reports, sample traffic routing, correspondence, or other documents or information related to the Site.

### **27. Confidential Business Information and Privileged Documents.**

a. Settling Defendants may assert business confidentiality claims covering part or all of the records submitted to Plaintiff under this Consent Decree to the extent permitted by and in accordance with Section 104(e)(7) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b). Records determined to be confidential by EPA will be accorded the protection specified in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies records when they are submitted to EPA, or if EPA has notified Settling

1 Defendants that the records are not confidential under the standards of Section  
2 104(e)(7) of CERCLA or 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, the public may be given  
3 access to such records without further notice to Settling Defendants.

4           b. Each Settling Defendant may assert that certain records are  
5 privileged under the attorney-client privilege or any other privilege recognized  
6 by federal law. If a Settling Defendant asserts such a privilege in lieu of  
7 providing records, it shall provide Plaintiff with the following: 1) the title of  
8 the record; 2) the date of the record; 3) the name, title, affiliation (*e.g.*,  
9 company or firm), and address of the author of the record; 4) the name and title  
10 of each addressee and recipient; 5) a description of the subject of the record;  
11 and 6) the privilege asserted. If a claim of privilege applies only to a portion of  
12 a record, the record shall be provided to Plaintiff in redacted form to mask the  
13 privileged information only. Each Settling Defendant shall retain all records  
14 that it claims to be privileged until the United States has had a reasonable  
15 opportunity to dispute the privilege claim and any such dispute has been  
16 resolved in the Settling Defendant's favor. However, no records created or  
17 generated pursuant to the requirements of this or any other settlement with  
18 EPA pertaining to the Site shall be withheld on the grounds that they are  
19 privileged.

20           28. No claim of business confidentiality shall be made with respect to  
21 any information or data within the scope of Section 104(e)(7)(F) of CERCLA,  
22 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(7)(F), including, but not limited to, all sampling,  
23 analytical, monitoring, hydrogeologic, scientific, chemical, or engineering  
24 data, or any other documents or information evidencing conditions at or around  
25 the Site.

### 26           **XIII. RETENTION OF RECORDS**

27           29. Until May 8, 2017, Settling Defendants shall preserve and retain all  
28 records now in their possession or control, or which come into their possession



1 or control, that relate in any manner to response actions taken at the Site or the  
2 liability of any person under CERCLA with respect to the Site, regardless of  
3 any corporate retention policy to the contrary.

4       30. After the conclusion of the document retention period described in  
5 the preceding Paragraph, Settling Defendants shall notify EPA and DOJ at  
6 least 90 days prior to the destruction of any such records, and, upon request by  
7 EPA or DOJ, Settling Defendants shall deliver any such records to EPA. Each  
8 Settling Defendant may assert that certain records are privileged under the  
9 attorney-client privilege or any other privilege recognized by federal law. If a  
10 Settling Defendant asserts such a privilege, it shall provide Plaintiff with the  
11 following: 1) the title of the record; 2) the date of the record; 3) the name, title,  
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13 the name and title of each addressee and recipient; 5) a description of the  
14 subject of the record; and 6) the privilege asserted. If a claim of privilege  
15 applies only to a portion of a record, the record shall be provided to Plaintiff in  
16 redacted form to mask the privileged information only. Each Settling  
17 Defendant shall retain all records that it claims to be privileged until the United  
18 States has had a reasonable opportunity to dispute the privilege claim and any  
19 such dispute has been resolved in the Settling Defendant's favor. However, no  
20 records created or generated pursuant to the requirements of this or any other  
21 settlement with EPA pertaining to the Site shall be withheld on the grounds  
22 that they are privileged.

23       31. Each Settling Defendant hereby certifies that, to the best of its  
24 knowledge and belief, after thorough inquiry, it has not altered, mutilated,  
25 discarded, destroyed or otherwise disposed of any records, reports, or  
26 information relating to its potential liability regarding the Site since  
27 notification of potential liability by the United States or the filing of suit  
28 against it regarding the Site and that it has fully complied with any and all EPA

requests for information pursuant to Sections 104(e) and 122(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9604(e), 9622(e), and Section 3007 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6972.

#### **XIV. NOTICES AND SUBMISSIONS**

32. Whenever, under the terms of this Consent Decree, notice is required to be given or a document is required to be sent by one party to another, it shall be directed to the individuals at the addresses specified below, unless those individuals or their successors give notice of a change to the other Parties in writing. Written notice as specified herein shall constitute complete satisfaction of any written notice requirement of the Consent Decree with respect to the United States, EPA, DOJ, and Settling Defendants.

As to the United States:

As to DOJ:

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section  
Environment and Natural Resources Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station  
Washington, D.C. 20044  
Re: DJ # 90-11-2-354/18

and  
Robert D. Mullaney  
Trial Attorney  
Environmental Enforcement Section  
U.S. Department of Justice  
301 Howard Street, Suite 1050  
San Francisco, CA 94105

As to EPA:

Lewis C. Maldonado, ORC-3  
Assistant Regional Counsel  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

and  
Wayne Praskins, SFD-7-3  
EPA Project Coordinator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

As to the Regional Financial Management Officer:

Joe Schmidt, PMD-5

1 United States Environmental Protection Agency  
2 75 Hawthorne Street  
3 San Francisco, CA 94105

4 As to the Settling Defendants:

5 As to Aerojet:

6 Scott Goulart  
7 Director, Environmental Restoration Program  
8 P.O. Box 13222  
9 Sacramento, CA 95813-6000  
10 [If Hand-Delivery or Overnight Mail:  
11 Hwy 50 and Aerojet Road  
12 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670]

13 With Copies to:

14 Office of General Counsel  
15 GenCorp Inc.  
16 P.O. Box 537012  
17 Sacramento, CA 95853-7012  
18 [If Hand-Delivery or Overnight Mail:  
19 Hwy 50 and Aerojet Road  
20 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670]

21 Lawrence A. Hobel  
22 Heller Ehrman LLP  
23 333 Bush Street  
24 San Francisco, CA 94104-2878

25 As to GenCorp:

26 GenCorp Inc.  
27 Office of General Counsel  
28 P.O. Box 537012  
Sacramento, CA 95853-7012  
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With a Copy to:

Lawrence A. Hobel  
Heller Ehrman LLP  
333 Bush Street  
San Francisco, CA 94104-2878

**XV. EFFECTIVE DATE**

33. The effective date of this Consent Decree shall be the date upon

1 which this Consent Decree is entered by the Court, except as otherwise  
2 provided herein.

3 **XVI. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

4 34. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose  
5 of interpreting and enforcing the terms of this Consent Decree.

6 **XVII. INTEGRATION/APPENDICES**

7 35. This Consent Decree constitutes the final, complete and exclusive  
8 agreement and understanding between the Parties with respect to the settlement  
9 embodied in this Consent Decree. The Parties acknowledge that there are no  
10 representations, agreements or understandings relating to the settlement other  
11 than those expressly contained in this Consent Decree. The following  
12 appendices are attached to this Consent Decree for reference only:

13 “Appendix A” is a copy of the UAO and the SOW attached to and  
14 included as part of the UAO;

15 “Appendix B” is a map that generally depicts the BPOU Area;

16 “Appendix C” is a copy of the ROD; and

17 “Appendix D” is a copy of the ESD.

18 **XVIII. LODGING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

19 36. This Consent Decree shall be lodged with the Court for a period of  
20 not less than 30 days for public notice and comment. The United States  
21 reserves the right to withdraw or withhold its consent if the comments  
22 regarding the Consent Decree disclose facts or considerations indicating that  
23 this Consent Decree is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Settling  
24 Defendants consent to the entry of this Consent Decree in the form presented  
25 without further notice.

26 37. If for any reason this Court should decline to approve this Consent  
27 Decree in the form presented, this agreement is voidable at the sole discretion  
28 of any party and the terms of the agreement may not be used as evidence in any

1 litigation between the Parties.

2 **XIX. SIGNATORIES/SERVICE**

3 38. Each undersigned representative of Settling Defendants to this  
4 Consent Decree and the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and  
5 Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice, or her  
6 delegate, certifies that he or she is authorized to enter into the terms and  
7 conditions of this Consent Decree and to execute and bind legally the party he  
8 or she represents to this document.

9 39. Settling Defendants hereby agree not to oppose entry of this  
10 Consent Decree by this Court or to challenge any provision of this Consent  
11 Decree, unless the United States has notified Settling Defendants in writing  
12 that it no longer supports entry of the Consent Decree.

13 40. Each Settling Defendant shall identify, on the attached signature  
14 page, the name and address of an agent who is authorized to accept service of  
15 process by mail on behalf of that Settling Defendant with respect to all matters  
16 arising under or relating to this Consent Decree. Each Settling Defendant  
17 hereby agrees to accept service in that manner and to waive the formal service  
18 requirements set forth in Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and  
19 any applicable local rules of this Court, including, but not limited to, service of  
20 a summons. The Parties agree that Settling Defendants need not file an answer  
21 to the complaint in this action unless or until the Court expressly declines to  
22 enter this Consent Decree.

23 **XX. FINAL JUDGMENT**

24 41. Upon approval and entry of this Consent Decree by the Court, this  
25 Consent Decree shall constitute the final judgment between and among the  
26 United States and Settling Defendants. The Court finds that there is no just  
27 reason for delay and therefore enters this judgment as a final judgment under  
28 Fed. R. Civ. P. 54 and 58.

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United States District Judge

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2 matter of United States v. Aerojet-General Corporation and GenCorp, Inc.,  
3 relating to the BPOU Area.

4 FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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7 Dated:\_\_\_\_\_

8 Kelly A. Johnson  
9 Acting Assistant Attorney General  
10 Environment and Natural Resources  
11 Division  
12 U.S. Department of Justice  
13 Washington, D.C. 20530

14 Dated:\_\_\_\_\_

15 Robert D. Mullaney  
16 Trial Attorney  
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6 Keith Takata  
7 Director, Superfund Division  
8 Region IX  
9 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
10 75 Hawthorne Street  
11 San Francisco, CA 94105

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4 FOR DEFENDANT GENCORP, INC.

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